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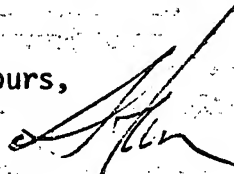
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Dear Vince,

Sorry I took so long to answer your letter but I've just sorted out my schedule for the first half of '78. It appears I could travel to Lexington on either the 12th or 13th of April. The schedule you proposed in your last letter may be a little too ambitious, however, since I would like to work in at least one other stop on the trip. If one of these days looks good on your calendar, I'll have my staff contact you to see what can be set up.

Look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, all the best.

Yours,



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Dear Stan:-

Just judging from the newspapers, I gather that you have not needed to sit around and wait for the daily mail in order to have something to keep you busy over recent months. Nevertheless, I do apologize for the long delay in answering your most welcome letters dated 10 and 24 August. Both of those letters arrived here while I was away on a short vacation. But, immediately on returning from the vacation, I was swamped with all of the routine and some not-so-routine items of business associated with the start of a new school year. Now, the dust has begun to settle somewhat, allowing me to catch up on the back correspondence.

The main item on our agenda here is a plan to get you over to Lexington for a visit sponsored and organized by the Patterson School after the first of the year. You said that the elaborate range of possibilities sketched in my most recent letter would perhaps "be overdoing it a bit." Fine, I had merely wanted to give you the outer limits on the kind of extravaganza that we are prepared to produce in your honor. You expressed reluctance to be the featured speaker at our WORLDVIEW '78 bash, on the grounds that "the impression...on the press if [you] should address a high school audience" might not be good. On this, I wonder if you are not maybe suffering too much of a reaction from the press coverage of the Ballou High School affair in the Washington papers in June. Moreover, the WORLDVIEW audience (particularly if you were the keynoter) would include more adults and university students than high schoolers. But, all of that notwithstanding, I was pleased to read the following sentence in your letter: "I am inclined toward your earlier suggestion that my approaches to academia should be low key."

OK, here's the bottom line: Pick your time, pick your topic, pick your format, and we will go with whatever you prefer.

Our own preferences would have you arriving in Lexington on a Thursday morning in time to give a short 20-minute talk to the big 400-member Greater Lexington Rotary Club (which includes most of our local civic leaders) at noon. During that afternoon, we would hope to have you in a small seminar-type discussion meeting with carefully selected students and faculty members (mostly from our

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Patterson School context), maybe running from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We would then give you a short break, followed by refreshments and dinner with a very small group (not more than a dozen, if that many). At 8:15 p.m., we would propose your general public address, followed by at least a short Q-and-A session, breaking up by not later than 10:00 p.m. and wrapping up with a short informal reception breaking up not later than about 11:00 p.m. You could return to Washington early the next morning (Eastern has a good non-stop leaving here shortly after 8:00 a.m., arriving Washington National about 9:15 a.m.). Or, if you had the time, we would be delighted if you could stay through Friday morning for more seminar-type chats with more students--perhaps undergraduates.

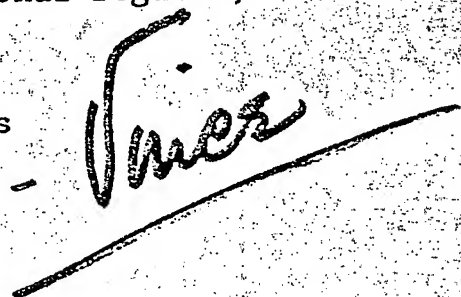
Some Thursday-Friday dates that look good on our calendar at the moment (although we have issued tentative invitations to some other people also suggesting some of these same dates) include February 2-3, or 9-10, or 16-17; March 2-3, or 9-10, or 30-31.

OK, the ball is back in your court. Do let us hear from you as soon as you can sort things out on your end (and we know that any date you might pick to visit us is subject to last-minute contingencies in Washington). Speaking of balls and courts, that date option of March 30-31 would probably involve weather sufficiently good to let you hit some balls on my new tennis court at our home, complete with ball machine if you like that kind of workout, or human opponents if you prefer (with myself as one candidate to hit with you).

Please convey regards to all of those fine people on your staff whom I got to know this summer.

Warmest personal regards,

Vincent Davis

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vince", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.